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In re Application of:  
Mendoza, Jose-Filonel T.  
Application No.: 09/845082  
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on your petition received in the Patent and Trademark Office on February 04, 2002, treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(2)(ii) to convert the above identified application to a Provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111 (b) and 37 CFR 1.53(b)(2).

The petition is granted.

The application will be processed in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) as a Provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(b) and 37 CFR 1.53(b)(2), including the assignment of a new Provisional application number.

The Provisional application serial number is 60/327572. The filing receipt for the Provisional application number will be communicated to applicant by OIPE in due course.

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Office of Initial Patent Examination